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SUBJ: GOA IMPOSES TARIFF QUOTAS ON MEN'S SHIRTS AND  
PAJAMAS AND INCREASES DUTY ON MOTOR VEHICLE TIRES

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1. SUMMARY: ACTING SPECIAL MINISTER OF STATE WILLESEE  
ON JANUARY 14 ANNOUNCED IMPOSITION OF TARIFF QUOTAS ON  
MEN'S SHIRTS, WOVEN PAJAMAS AND OTHER NIGHTWEAR, AND  
INCREASED DUTY ON IMPORTED TIRES. BOTH MEASURES ARE  
PRESUMABLY IN FURTHER IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S  
DECEMBER 9 IMPORT PLAN (REF A), AND BOTH ARE DESCRIBED AS  
"SHORT-TERM" PENDING FINAL DETERMINATION OF NEEDS FOR  
PROTECTION OF THE TWO INDUSTRIES. WE HAVE OBTAINED  
FOLLOWING DETAILS ONLY TODAY. END SUMMARY.

2. TARIFF QUOTAS WILL APPLY TO MEN'S AND BOY'S SHIRTS  
IN AUSTRALIAN TARIFF SUB-ITEMS 60.04.1 AND 61.03.1 AND  
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MEN'S AND BOY'S WOVEN PAJAMAS IN SUB-ITEM 61.03.2. INTENT

IS TO LIMIT IMPORTS OF SHIRTS TO 4.5 MILLION GARMENTS IN 1975 AND 8.5 MILLION IN 1976. (THEY TOTALLED ALMOST 11 MILLION IN FIRST 11 MONTHS OF 1974.) IMPORTS OF PAJAMAS AND OTHER NIGHTWEAR WILL BE LIMITED TO 0.8 MILLION IN 1975 AND 1.2 MILLION IN 1976. (THEY WERE ABOUT 1.4 MILLION IN FIRST 11 MONTHS OF 1974.)

3. IMPORTS UP TO THOSE LEVELS WILL BE PERMITTED UNDER BY-LAW AT PREVIOUS DUTY RATE. ADDITIONAL DUTY OF \$A9 PER KILOGRAM WILL APPLY TO EXCESS. GOODS IN BOND, IN TRANSIT ON JANUARY 14, 1975, OR IMPORTED BEFORE INTRODUCTION OF NEW TARIFF STRUCTURE WILL BE CLEARED AT EXISTING RATES. SIMILAR TREATMENT WILL BE CONSIDERED IN CASE OF GOODS COVERED BY IRREVOCABLE LETTERS OF CREDIT ESTABLISHED BEFORE NOVEMBER 15, 1974. QUOTAS WILL BE ESTABLISHED FOR INDIVIDUAL IMPORTERS WHEN ASSESSMENT OF GOODS IN TRANSIT, ETC., COMPLETED.

4. DUTY RATE ON CAR AND UTILITY (PICK-UP TRUCK) TIRES AS WELL AS ON TRUCK AND OMNIBUS TIRES INCREASED AN ADDITIONAL 10 PER CENT OR \$A0.10 PER KILOGRAM, WHICHEVER IS HIGHER. THIS INCREASES GENERAL RATE OF DUTY TO 25 PER CENT OR \$A0.27 PER KILOGRAM, WHICHEVER IS HIGHER. THESE RATES TO APPLY UNTIL 3 MONTHS AFTER INDUSTRIES ASSISTANCE COMMISSION PRESENTS REPORT ON LONG-TERM ASSISTANCE NEEDS OF THE INDUSTRY.

5. ACCORDING TO TEXTILES AUTHORITY REPORT DATA, EXPORTERS MAINLY AFFECTED BY DECISION ON SHIRTS AND PAJAMAS WERE TAIWAN, SINGAPORE, PRC AND HONG KONG. LITTLE U.S. INVOLVEMENT THIS MARKET. SIMILARLY U.S. EXPORTS OF TIRES TO AUSTRALIA NOT GREAT, AND AUSTRALIAN SUBSIDIARIES OF U.S. MANUFACTURERS LIKELY TO BENEFIT FROM INCREASED TARIFF DUTIES.  
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